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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON CONTROL OF CANADAIN EXPORTS TO CUBA CHARGED IN  
PRESS

1. PERHAPS AS MUCH AS THREE-FOURTHS OF CANADAIN EXPORTS TO CUBA  
ARE LICENSED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, IT IS CHARGED IN AN ARTICLE  
IN THE JANUARY 24 ISSUE OF FINANCIAL TIMES OF CANADA, PUBLISHED BY  
SOUTHAM PRESS IN TORONTO. "DOCUMENTS FROM THE (U.S.S.) TREASURY  
DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT BETWEEN OCTOBER 1975 AND JULY 1976, THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT ISSUED LICENSES COVERING DOLS 182 MILLION IN CANADIAN  
SALES TO CUBA... DURING 1975, TOTAL CANADAIN TRADE WITH CUBA WAS  
VALUED AT DOLS 220 MILLION. LAST YEAR, IT CLIMBED ABOVE  
DOLS 250 MILLION." (ELSEWHERE THE WRITER SAYS THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC) IS AWARE OF ONLY DOLS  
34 MILLION OF SALES REQUIRING U.S. LICENSING SINCE 1974.

2. THE ARTICLE CITES U.S. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANADIAN  
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SUBSTANTIAL LEVELS OF U.S.-ORIGIN COMPONENTS,  
BUT ALSO SALES OF CANADIAN GRAIN AND OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS MADE BY  
SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S. FIRMS SUCH AS CARGILL. THIS DESPITE AN  
OCTOBER 1975 AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT WHICH  
"LAID DOWN THAT ANY PERSON, OR COMPANY, THAT OBEYED ANY  
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FOREIGN LAW, DIRECTIVE, OR COURT ORDER, THAT HARMED EITHER THE  
DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN TRADE OF CANADA, WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TWO YEARS  
IMPRISONMENT."

3. THE WRITER CITES AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE IN ITC AS SAYING THAT  
DOLS 700,000 OF CANADAIN BUSINESS IN CUBA HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY  
WASHINGTON (TIME PERIOD NOT STATED). MOREOVER, IT IMPLIES THAT

THE FIGURE IS HIGHER, BUT THAT CANCELLATIONS OF PROPOSED SALES  
ARE EXPLAINED ON GROUNDS OF ECONOMICS, RATHER THAN U.S. GOVERNMENT  
POLICY.  
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